IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 14, 17-20, and 23 and add new claims 31-33 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a voice call establishment request from a calling terminal to a called terminal, the method comprising:

detecting the call establishment request;

in response to said detecting, alerting the called terminal;

in response to said alerting, setting up a two-way connection between the calling terminal and the called terminal;

determining that a two-way voice call between the calling terminal and the called terminal is not allowed;

receiving silent messages via the called terminal and/or the calling terminal; and

conveying information based on said silent messages to the calling terminal and/or the called terminal, respectively.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said determining is based on detecting a predetermined input via a user interface of the called terminal after said alerting.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said determining is based on detecting a predetermined profile associated with the called terminal, the profile being set prior to said alerting.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the two-way connection is or comprises a chat connection.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said conveying comprises converting said silent messages to speech.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein said converting comprises text-to-speech synthesis.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein said converting comprises receiving an indication of one of a plurality of predetermined voice messages.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of predetermined voice messages is dimensioned such that any predetermined voice message is selectable without moving fingers on the user interface.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the determining step is carried out by a network element.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the converting step is carried out by a network element.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for processing a voice call establishment request from a calling terminal to a called terminal, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting the call establishment request;

means for setting up, in response to said alerting, a two-way connection between the calling terminal and the called terminal;

means for determining that a two-way voice call between the calling terminal and the called terminal is not allowed;

means for receiving silent messages via the called terminal; and

means for conveying information based on said silent messages to the calling terminal.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the apparatus is located in a network element.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the apparatus is located in the called terminal.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for processing a voice call establishment request from a calling terminal to a called terminal, the apparatus being configured to

detect the call establishment request;

in response to said detection, set up a two-way connection between the calling terminal and the called terminal;

determine that a two-way voice call between the calling terminal and the called terminal is not allowed;

receive silent messages via the called terminal; and

convey information based on said silent messages to the calling terminal.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the apparatus is located in a network element.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the apparatus is located in the called terminal.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A mode converter for changing call mode~~An apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising:

a mode converter ~~the mode converter~~ configured to change a ~~the~~ call mode from a voice call to a non-voice call.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~A mode converter~~ according to claim ~~17~~ 14, wherein the apparatus is further configured to convert ~~the mode converter comprises a speech synthesizer for converting~~ chat responses to speech.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~A mode converter~~ according to claim ~~17~~ 14, wherein the apparatus is further ~~the mode converter is~~ configured to store pre-recorded voice responses.

20. (Currently Amended) A user interface in a called terminal and/or a calling terminal, wherein the user interface is configured to

select a desired call mode; and

in response to said selection, setting up a two-way connection between the calling terminal and the called terminal;

if a two-way voice call between the called terminal and the calling terminal is not allowed, receive silent messages from the calling terminal and/or the called terminal.

21. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to claim 20, wherein said silent messages are chat responses.

22. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to claim 20, wherein it is configured to select predetermined voice messages such that any predetermined voice message is selectable by a user without moving fingers on the user interface.

23. (Currently Amended) A communication system, the system being configured to

detect a voice call establishment request from a calling terminal to a called terminal;

in response to said detecting, alert the called terminal;

in response to said alert, set up a two-way connection between the calling terminal and the called terminal;

determine that a two-way voice call between the calling terminal and the called terminal is not allowed; and

receive silent messages via said called terminal and/or calling terminal and convey information based on said silent messages to the calling terminal and/or the called terminal, respectively.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an audio alert in the called terminal.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:

presenting a visual alert in the called terminal.

26. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3, further comprising:

executing a plurality of options in said predetermined profile according to rules in said predetermined profile.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said determination by said means for determining is based on detecting a predetermined profile associated with the called terminal, the profile being set prior to said alerting.

28. (Previously Presented) A apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said determination by said apparatus is based on detecting a predetermined profile associated with the called terminal, the profile being set prior to said alerting.

29. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to claim 20, wherein when determining that the two-way voice call between the called terminal and the calling terminal is not allowed, said determination is based on detecting a predetermined profile associated with the called terminal, the profile being set prior to said alerting.

30. (Previously Presented) A communication system according to claim 23, wherein said determination by said system is based on detecting a predetermined profile associated with the called terminal, the profile being set prior to said alerting.

31. (New) A communication system according to claim 23, wherein the system is further configured to change a call mode from a voice call to a non-voice call.

32. (New) A communication system according to claim 23, wherein the system is further configured to convert chat responses to speech.

33. (New) A communication system according to claim 23, wherein the system is further configured to store pre-recorded voice responses.